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Women's Work At The Convention

The 99th annual convention of the Christian Churches of Oregon has come and gone. According to the custom and practice of recent years this convention was a combination of Adult Conference, with classes on the various phases of adult church life, and the more formal assembly with worship and inspirational messages.

Close to 500 women's names were signed to enrollment blanks for the women's classes. Of course many attended more than one class. On Thursday, the day on which the women's formal program was presented, there were about 255 women in attendance for the morning class hour and approximately 700 for the afternoon program.

Miss Jessie Trout, National Executive Secretary of the Women's Missionary Organizations of the Christian Churches, was the guest speaker. Her first two messages covered the history of the women's missionary work from the date of the organization of the Christian Women's Board of Missions in 1874 up to the present. This Board had the honor of being the first of its kind among women in America. It joined with several boards to form the United Christian Missionary Society in 1920. Miss Trout's third message during the class periods was a presentation of dreams and plans to reach out beyond the Crusade. Her final talk to the women exclusively gave in detail the value of Schools of Missions and Institutes in the local church and how to set them up, a very practical and opportune study.

Miss Edith Eberle, National Sales Literature Director for the United Christian Missionary Society, conducted a class period every morning. She gave helpful suggestions, reviewing in her own inimitable way, program building and suitable materials for all age groups.

These two very fine leaders made a splendid contribution to the women of the Christian Churches of Oregon. We are greatly indebted to them for the information, fine Christian spirit and fellowship. Now when we see their names signed to letters they will mean more to all of us.

In addition to presiding over a class each morning Miss Trout gave two messages on the main convention program, one "The Japan of Yesterday and Today," on Thursday afternoon during the Women's Day Program; the other "The Japan of Tomorrow," on Saturday afternoon. In these two messages she gave the background of Japan, presenting needs and conditions and the outlook for the future. "Japan is searching for something to take the place of Emperor worship and their destroyed trust in military power," said Miss Trout. "No one can predict what is going to happen to this conquered country; whether communism, Christianity or something else will take over. You have the answer."—Edna L. Burke.

90 & 9 Highlights At Turner

Beginning with the state executive committee meeting on Saturday morning, the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood shared in the annual Turner Convention program for Saturday and Sunday with a real enthusiasm and rich spiritual fellowship. Rea Kleinfeldt, associate minister at Roseburg, presented a challenge to parents and churches through outlining the spiritual values of the camps during the afternoon session. Martin Clark, preparing for missionary work in Japan, led the men's prayer meeting in the rustic chapel used for camps.

Shortly following the prayer service the annual Turner banquet and business meeting opened with Orrin Fraley presiding. A splendid dinner prepared by the convention restaurant staff and served by the ladies of the Northwest district set the stage for some great chorus singing led by George Whipple. The Masters of Men male quartet from N.C.C. sang a group of numbers and Earl Gibbs delivered a 3-punch sermon in about as many minutes as to why men should send boys to camp. If Earl continues he'll set a real example for others and perhaps will be another minister recruited from the boys' campers.

Ike Bartel presided over the business meeting in which a proposed revision of the constitution and by-laws of the Ninety and Nine Brotherhood was presented by Dr. C. R. Beatty, chairman of the revision committee. An amendment to the membership clause was adopted and the revised constitution will be presented to the annual convention in October for adoption. An invitation from the Mallory Avenue Christian Church in Portland was accepted for the 13th state convention on October 10.

E. W. Blehm presented the need for the special offering and urged men from each church to carry the message home for the undergirding of the camps and evangelistic work to October 1. $258 was raised in the offering. The Tan-Ditters sang the old favorite — the "Hornet" song — preceding a sharp challenge by Dallas Meserve to exceed the work of the past. Space will not permit mention of all who helped to make the program a success nor mention of all who helped to arrange for the Men's Bible class on Sunday morning. Suffice it to say that D. L. Penhollow proved a fine teacher and "Bob" Brickenridge an excellent president.

Mrs. Burke to South Idaho

Mrs. Burke has been asked to assume the responsibility of helping the South Idaho churches in addition to her work in Oregon. Beginning July 1 she became the area executive secretary for Oregon and So. Idaho, thus serving a total of approximately 75 churches. There will be two separate boards as in the past. Mrs. W. W. Fuller, of Buhl, Idaho, is president of the Idaho board.—E. L. B.

"A Beach-Head" In Europe

The Mediteranean Christian Mission, established in 1947, is located at the "heel" of the Italian "boot". The missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Mayfield, with their two children, Stephen and Mignon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Phipps and Miss Betheen Grubaugh. This mission was opened as a result of the work of Brother Guy Mayfield, as a chaplain in this sector, during the war. There are now three organized churches and three other preaching points are being maintained. Brother Mayfield writes that the membership is now in the neighborhood of one hundred, and that there are conversions nearly every week. There is one Italian Evangelist. The missionaries are devoting much time and effort to the Bari Bible Institute, believing that the best way to do a big work for the Lord in Italy, is to have many trained leaders among the Italian people. The Institute, which was opened last January, has had 15 full-time students enrolled. Eleven of these are "boarding students", coming from families too poor to aid them; and so must be supported by the mission, at a cost of $5.00 a week.

Brother Mayfield writes: "We believe that this work here is the opening of a door, the laying of a 'beach-head' in Latin Europe that someday can mean a real restoration movement on this continent."

Miss Evelyn Jones, a graduate of Cincinnati Bible Seminary, is a recruit to this mission. She hopes to sail for Italy in November. However, much depends on whether living-link support can be secured by that time.

The Forwarding Agent for this mission is John K. Paeplow, 529 Ogden Avenue, Toledo 9, Ohio.—J. Frank Cunningham.

McKenzie Rally Held In Park

Seventy men and boys of McKenzie District gathered in the Skinner's Butte Park on June 20 for a picnic and program. Salads, chips, sandwiches, weiners, etc. disappeared rapidly (but the mosquitoes didn't) during the first session of the evening. A round of favorite camp choruses opened the informal program with Willie White leading. Prayer was offered by Ronald Osborne, followed by a reading by Dr. Moon. (We wonder if he has found his notes yet!) Boys who had attended the 1948 camps at Turner, Crescent Lake, and Bridge camps gave brief talks on camp life and a few of the older fellows described the youth camps.

Ike Bartel, state Ninety and Nine president, presented a message on a man's relationship to his church just prior to a short business session in which minutes and reports were read by benefit of flashlight. Dave Harkness presided and upon presentation of the work at Mt. Vernon by Floyd Councilman entertained a motion to request a call to the Millennium Minute Men of the state for building fund gifts. The motion carried and Willie White was delegated to present the matter to the state executive committee meeting at Turner on July 2.

West Oregon Youth Conference

Day dawned one bright sunny morning in July on the Churches of Christ camp grounds in Turner, Oregon. Gathered for a week of singing, playing, and working together for Christ and His kingdom were 85 young people from the churches in Oregon and 16 instructors and activity leaders, ministers and missionaries.

Peter Solomon, of India, was here until Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Byerlee, of Africa, was with us until Tuesday evening when Miss Hattie Mitchell, of Africa, took her place.

West Oregon Youth Camp was held July 3-10 for high school age young people. The spirit was high, probably at a peak higher than any previous year. The fellowship was great, worship was inspirational. The vesper services were a highlight of the conference. Such settings as "The Old Rugged Cross," "Praying Hands," a scene depicting different nations bowing down before the cross under a soft blue light really led all of us near to the heart of God.

Among the leadership at camp were Charles Addleman, Director of Religious Education; Dean "Uncle Ben" E. Watson, pastor of Berkely, California, Christian Church; Dean of Boys William (Bill) Siefke, of N.C.C; Dean of girls Ella (Mom) Day; and president of the conference Ralph Lambert.

The Service Class and Enlistment Class, besides studying projects for future work, cooperated on special projects such as painting the front fence on the conference ground, collecting pencils for India, taking up missionary offerings, and sponsoring banquets.

The worship class, under the leadership of Mrs. Francis Hyland, planned chapel and vesper services.

Closing hours of conference were spent in graduating exercises, the consecration service Saturday evening, and communion service and business meeting Sunday morning, followed by installation of officers and farewell friendship circle.—Donna Lee Plymale (Lebanon), Reporter.

St. Helens Host To Boys

A fine group of boys were guests of the dads at St. Helens on June 6 and enjoyed a baked ham dinner with trimmings. Despite the abundance of ham and pie, both boys and dads survived and participated in a program with Nephi Porter, Ninety and Nine president, as master of ceremonies. Informal choruses were sung and greetings to the sons were expressed by the pastor, Nelson Cole (and father of a very young son). Gordon Jones responded for the boys.

Richard Janes favored the group with vocal soloes and Don Johnson with a piano solo. Greetings from the Northwest District were given by Floyd Shaw and from the St. Johns Church by Wesley Herwick. Wesley also operated the projector in the showing of the Boys' Camp movie. Ed Dewees gave a talk on "Playing the Christian Game" and explained the camp activities shown in the movie.

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State Secretary-Director's Report

During the month of June, I visited the following churches and brought messages: Fellowship meeting at Eugene First Church, Eastern Oregon Youth Rally at Baker, Culver, Madras, Glendale, Falls City, Grants Pass, Jefferson, Sellwood and Turner. I held a conference with the church at North Plains, had part in the dedication service of Christian House in Eugene, attended the commencement week program at Northwest Christian College, visited a day at the Lab school in Medford, visited one day of the Kern Park Youth Retreat at Wi-ne-ma, the reception for the McCallums at Eugene, Youth Committee in Salem, and the committee meeting of the United Ministry and Board of Managers meeting of the Portland Council of Churches. There were two added by statement. Held 7 office conferences and attended the state convention at Turner. I travelled 3,435 miles during the month. —C. H. Addleman.

Swimming Pool

The young people greatly enjoyed the new swimming pool. It is an excavation of the river so as to permit a depth of water about 8 feet deep in one spot. In order to protect it somewhat from filling up a dike was thrown up diverting the current of the river to the far side. A diving board will be installed and now the young people can disport themselves to their hearts content. We have not yet been apprised of the cost but it will be plenty. A bid was made at state convention for special contributions but little was realized. Should anyone desire to assist in this cause, offerings can be sent to C. H. Addleman, state secretary, 512 Panama Building, Portland 15, Oregon.

Turner Youth Camps

The Turner Young People's Conference, July 3-10, registered 85 students and 16 members of the faculty. The students took up an offering of $50 which was designated to missionary work in Africa. There were 8 volunteers for Christian Service at the last session: Phyllis Bower, Lorenne Jacobs, Yvonne Harper, Shirley Knox, Marybelle Blehm, LeRoy Hershiser, Arline Hendricks, and Margie Miles.

The Pioneer Camp (Intermediates) started off on Sunday June 10 and ran until the 17th. There were 53 students and 10 members of the faculty. This item is being written while the camp is session so we cannot give the final word concerning it.—C. F. S.

State Missions

We have closed another year of successful missionary work. Brother Addleman has made a good record for his first nine months as state secretary. He has piled up a tremendous amount of work. He has justified the confidence placed in him when he was chosen. This first year has necessarily been one of orientation and he has been feeling his way. He has made no blunders; but the farther he has gone he has won the love and confidence of the churches. This will be increasingly so this coming year.

As we write this we cannot help but reflect upon the growth and development of this work since we stepped into it 41 years ago. Then we packed home with us, on a "hitch-hike" ride, the entire office equipment in a small tin box and a small paper carton. Today two fair sized rooms are crowded with it. Then, the job consisted of getting offerings for state work, making dates for a state evangelist, writing checks for a small number of missionary pastors, editing a state paper and visiting churches. Today the work consists of the same but in a manifold degree; and added to it is an educational and youth program, with the care of a permanent fund. Then we had 90 churches with about 9,000 members; now we have 150 churches with more than 30,000 members. Then our offerings reached the sum of less than $2,000 per annum; now it goes beyond the $10,000 mark.

All of this is in preface to saying that since the work has grown the support must necessarily grow. The work of a state secretary has grown more in proportion than the support of state missions has. There is nothing more basic in the total missionary program than state missions. The total program will fare better if the base is well built. It is to be expected that our foreign, home, benevolent, educational, etc., will total more than state missions; but when a church spends many times more for interdenominational work than for the state it manifests an improper recognition of the place of state missions. When several churches in the state have a budget four or five times as large for their total program as the entire state program has it means that we are looking at the problem through the wrong end of the telescope.

As one who is now out of the active management of the state program we feel more free to ask boldly for a more generous support of the state work. If a single church in the state can raise $50,000 a year for their own work surely 150 churches should raise as much for the state work. We plead with our churches to take a new look at their missionary budget and raise their sights on state missions.—C. F. S.

State Convention Attendance

There were 1,731 registered at the state convention. This number holds up well with previous years. The triple holiday over the week-end doubtless kept the attendance below what it would have been otherwise for the Sunday attendance was noticeably below normal. But all agreed that it was a great convention.

Roseburg

The Daily Vacation Bible School enrolled 176 and had an average attendance of 120 Kenneth Knox, pastor.

New Missionary Families

The number of Direct Support Missionaries continues to grow. There are now about 140 missionaries, representing some 29 fields and 16 countries; and about 30 recruits to these and other fields (including one or two additional countries). We do not know how many Home missionaries there are, who should properly be classed as Direct Support; but we do know there are a good many. Because of the difficulty in giving fair representation to all of the latter, in our limited space, we have not attempted to publicize their work; except in cases of special interest to Oregon brethren.

The names of Missionary Recruits coming last to our desk, are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Buttray, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Keffer. The Buttrays (address, Box 35, Meadville, Pennsylvania) are preparing to go to Japan to work with Mrs. Emily Cunningham and her assistants, in Tokyo. They have one son, Paul. They are seeking $2800 for their support on the field. Two churches have pledged $760 of this amount.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris and little David plan to sail for Madras, India, this coming fall. They will be associated with a group of native workers under the leadership of Johnson Edwards, Miss Mabel Edwards, and others. Dr. Zoena Rothermel, of the Christian Mission to India (United Provinces), has tried to keep in contact with this work; but the extreme distance makes very important the going of these missionaries to reside on the field. Address, Arthur Morris, 123 E. Center Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

The James R. Keefers are recruits to this same field in south India, the South India Churches of Christ Mission. We do not know when they expect to go. At present, Brother Keffer is serving as Forwarding Agent for the workers on the field, and edits the New Periodical of the station. He may be addressed at Hugoton, Kansas.—J. F. C.

Sprucing Up

Although school is not in session at Northwest Christian College during the summer months, many activities are going on. The new heat line to the Music Building is progressing nicely. Changes in the Music Building will provide three more practice rooms for music students. A new shower and locker room is being built on the Gymnasium.

A number of rooms in the Administration Building of Northwest Christian College are being painted. The residence Halls are being tidied up so that students will find them hospitable places. Crusader House at the corner of Eleventh Avenue and Kincaid Street is being prepared for N.C.C. students. The lawn looks splendid except where the new heat line has torn it up a bit. And we may get those walks across the campus straightened out. So all looks fine from the outside and we hope all will be well within.—R. J. G.

Conference Graduates

There were four graduates from the Turner young people's conference this year: Ralph Lambert, Kern Park; Lorenne Jacobs, Canby; Minta King, Klamath Falls; and Marylon Hanes, Eugene. They are a fine group.

Crusade For A Christian World

Kenneth Johnston is doing a grand job of pushing the Crusade program in Oregon. As a consequence it is growing and the whole thing will end up with a creditable record for our state.

What is the Crusade? It is just an extra hard push on the things that a church should normally be engaged in. There is not a single extra in it; so if you are opposed to the Crusade you are opposed to the church making extra hard efforts to accomplish the program of Jesus Chirst. With the growth of population going ahead of the growth of the church in this world it is going to take an extra push as a regular thing to win the world to Jesus Christ. In other words the extra effort must become the usual effort.

We are now entering on the last year of the Crusade program. If every church were to do its best the goal would not only all be reached but it would be with such a bang that the committee setting the goals would look like a bunch of pikers for their lack of faith. But if all do not get in anything can happen. Why not get in now and catch up lost time?

Southern District Officers

Men of the churches in the Southern District met at Grants Pass for a dinner and business meeting on June 20. Attendance was 47 and Elmer Newton, state vice-president for the Southern Area, presided over the opening meeting. Camp Grayback was accepted as the place for the new Christian Boys' Camp approved in a meeting at Medford on May 16. As further plans for the camp were discussed, a motion was carried that district officers be elected to follow through on the plans.

LaVerne Munt of Grants Pass was then elected president; Ralph Cook of Medford, vice-president; Arden Hall of Ashland, secretary; George Swinney of Medford, treasurer; and Chester Eide of Grants Pass, camp manager. Dallas Meserve, state evangelist for the Ninety and Nine Men, will be camp director and Holly Roy Jarvis, of the Medford First Christian Church, will be the dean. The date for the camp will be August 7-13 and further information regarding it may be had from Mr. Eide, 1967 E. "N" St., Grants Pass, or from Edwin P. Dewees, 9022 N. Mohawk Ave., Portland 3.

Doing Things For Christ

Today's mail brought the latest issue of "SALUTE", newsy publication of the Church of Christ Mission, Kulpahar, United Provinces, India. We wish we could go into detail concerning its contents, but space forbids. Suffice it to say it contains 19 pictures depicting various activities; and, among other things, presents in diary from the story of the purchase of the mission property at Kulpahar from the United Christian Missionary Society, and progress until May of this year; tells of a widely attended conference held at the mission; and a number of other very interesting articles. Miss Ruth Lincoln, who is in Medical Training in Los Angeles, hopes to be able to sail this fall to join the other workers at Kulpahar; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rash, Leah Mosher, Dolly Chitwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rempel.—J. F. C.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mary E. Phillips, Superintendent

Howard Cole of St. John, J. D. Harden of Forest Grove, George Springer of Beaverton, and a group from Portland Central provided chapel services in June and conducted the Lord's Supper for the family at the HOME. The beautiful new lawn, the beds of multicolored flowers, and the completed rockery have been points of interest to many visitors recently. The new lawn swing in dark blue, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fishburn, of Kern Park Church, Portland, and the brightly painted chairs add comfort to the scene. Several snaps in kodachrome taken recently by Courtney Swander, will be furnished as slides and added to our collection.

The pipe-line from the well to the garden has been completed and the garden shows the effect of ample moisture. Berries have been plentiful for immediate use but not many have been put away for winter. Fruit jars are still available to all who will "can" fruit or vegetables for the family's food supply this winter, and a limited amount of fresh produce can be "frozen" in our own deep-freeze unit. Items that will be welcome and usable now are eggs, fruit of all kinds, garden vegetables, potatoes, poultry, rabbits and other meat. The gifts of this kind already received are thankfully acknowledged, and have been appreciated.

Your area representative has attended state church conventions in Montana and Oregon and will also participate in the Washington convention at Olympia. Those attending the Oregon convention at Turner during the week of June 27 included Miss Phillips, superintendent; Mrs. Wirt, Mrs. Inman, Mrs. Osterloh, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Smith of the staff; Lida B. Frank, Sarah B. Miller, Minnie Preston, and Mr. and Mrs. Abel, guests; and board members Martin Kullowatz, Jess Canright, Sylvia Peters, and Mrs. C. B. Cook.

At the convention business session Mr. Averill, Mr. Holland, Mr. Overstreet, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Peters were re-elected to the Board of supervisors and will serve for a term of three years. These men and women, together with others from the four northwest states, serve sacrificially in the planning and management of the Home at 1058 Johnson Road, Beaverton. Their reward is in seeing our aged needy ones cared for through the continued giving to benevolence by the churches in the area served.

Nine Oregon churches are definitely in the rank of "Front Line Churches" in benevolence for the year closing June 30, each having given over $300 to this cause, as follows: Portland First, Eugene First, Pendleton, Roseburg, Medford First, Salem Court Street, Tillamook, Gladstone, Oregon City. Some of these and others, are "dollar per member" and we congratulate them on their achievement.

Mrs. Elnora Drollinger passed away June 27 following several months of suffering resulting from a "stroke" which rendered her helpless, at the age of 81. Her husband, the Home "mail man," survives her, and appreciates the kindness of friends in his bereavement. There are 7 others on the waiting list now and it is likely that two can be admitted at an early date.—Ray C. Smith, Field Representative.

Officers Installed

Your Executive Secretary had the pleasure of installing the new officers at Hillsboro on the evening of June 6, and at Dallas on the afternoon of June 24; attending the state convention at Turner June 27-July 3; and teaching a class in Christian Service at the West Oregon Youth Conference at Turner July 3-10. Plans are under way for the State Board Planning Conference to be held at Lewis and Clark College August 17-19. Mrs. Mary Pollard, one time missionary to India, now serving as Executive Secretary for Northern California, will be the resource leader.—E. L. B.

Phenomenal

According to auditors' reports on file at Northwest Christian College, the assets of N.C.C. have increased remarkably from the first report made on November 30, 1945 until now. Three reports, when placed together for comparison, are as follows:

Assets Nov. 30, 1935	$ 2,571.25
Assets August 31, 1944	$178,564.28
Assets March 31, 1949	$466,877.55

This does not mean that the college is rich. Rather, it means that there is much more to support, hence the need for contributions is ever present. Any way, you Christians of the Northwest own this splendid property. God has been good to us.—R. J. G.

Office Ransacked

On the night of July 7 the Panama Building, in which the state office is located, was ransacked from top to bottom by thieves. Our office rooms did not escape, but nothing of value was taken. The prowlers were evidently looking for money, and money is not kept in the office. This is the third time our state office has been broken into, and on other occasions small articles were purloined. All this is evidence of the need of the gospel in the hearts of men. As long as only 23% of the population of Oregon is only nominally Christian we may expect such depredations. The wonder is that it is not more wide-spread than it is.

Coast Rally Held

A rally of the Coast District was held at Astoria on June 9. Attendance was not large, but a good fellowship was enjoyed by those present. After a fine dinner during which the local men assisted the ladies in serving, a short program was held with A. J. Swett leading songs and Clifford Snyder playing the accompaniment. Dorsey Dent led in prayer preceding the business meeting. A report on the state work was given by Ed Dewees along with the showing of the Boys' Camp movie.

Ralph Holcomb, youth director of the Portland Central Christian Church, brought the message of the evening on "Moses' Choice", using Hebrews 11:24 as text. The next rally was set for July 8 at Garibaldi.

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Note: A correction on the report of the Blue Mountain district rally at Hermiston is in order. It was held on June 6 instead of May 23 with Z. Franklin Cantrell of Lexington as guest speaker.

North Willamette Men Meet

The North Willamette District Ninety and Nine rally was held at Silverton on June 21 with 54 men present. Good weather for the farmers coupled with daylight saving time cut the attendance down, but all who missed the fine fellowship and a very outstanding program were the losers. Following the dinner served by the Silverton ladies, the program was begun with Mr. Frank Ferrin leading the songs and Mrs. Ferrin at the piano. Their music along with numbers by the "Four Norsemen", local male quartet, and several soloes by Walter Naff, did much to give the setting for a presentation of the planning and working ten-day continuous season of prayer held by the members of the Dallas Christian Church. S. B. Holt read scripture and Leighton Dashiell, Dale Sherwood, and Kenneth Johnston shared in the message. Dashiell and Sherwood also sang a duet.

Abe Friesen presided over the business meeting in which Errett Woods, Ed Cooley, and Lynn Neal were appointed as a nominating committee to report at the next rally on August 22. Consideration was given to a picnic meeting with families as guests, but remained to be decided by the executive committee.

Educational Workshop

The third state annual Christian Education Workshop, which is to be held at Mallory Avenue Christian Church in Portland, October 11-13, promises to be an outstanding feature in Christian Education, dealing with "The Program of Christian Education in the Local Church, and the Various Aspects of Worship."

Such outstanding leaders as Miss Grace McGavran, state director of Children's Work in Washington; Miss Ruby Peregrine, Professor of Christian Education at Pacific University; Mrs. Marjory Mosher, state chairman of Children's Work in Oregon; Mrs. LaNette Rhay, of Oregon City; Mrs. Francis Hyland, of Eugene; and Mrs. Orma Jean Cole, of Portland will be present.

Mark these dates on your calendar now and plan to come. We hope that every pastor, Christian Education Committee member, Superintendents and Sunday School teacher will attend this Workshop.—Oma Lou Myers, Chairman of Workshop Committee.

Greetings from Humberts

Dr. Ray Snodgrass, guest speaker for the Turner convention this year, is a good friend of the Humbert family who have been known by many in Oregon over a long period of years. Mr. and Mrs. Humbert, Harold and family, and Madge Humbert Dunton and family, all live in the same block in Enid, Oklahoma, and attend the Central Christian Church, where Dr. Snodgrass is pastor. They asked Dr. Snodgrass to greet the people of Oregon for them. He gave the message to me so I pass it on to you who might remember the Humbert family. Mrs. Humbert was very active in State Missionary work in Oregon along about 1910 to 1915, or thereabouts.—E. L. B.

Portland First

The First Christian reports the following additions in June: 17 by statement. Myron C. Cole, pastor.

Missionaries Active In Japan

Martin Clark, who challenged his audiences at the Convention at Turner, is looking forward eagerly to the time when he and Mrs. Clark and their children will be sailing for Japan. They will be associated with the Osaka Christian Mission, in Osaka. Martin expects to give his time especially to the preacher training school the mission will be conducting. Six missionaries are already on this field: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nielson and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Beckman; with four recruits preparing to go: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis.

Other Direct Support Missions and Missionaries in Japan are:

The Church of Christ, Cunningham Mission, in Tokyo: Missionaries - Mrs. Emily Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel K. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sims and Andrew Patton. In Addition to these six missionaries now on the field, three recruits have been accepted: Thomas Lipscombe and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Buttray.

The Mabashi Christian Mission, with one missionary, Miss Grace Farnham, on the field, and two recruits accepted - Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fleenor.

In addition to the above three missions, with a total of 13 on-the-field missionaries, and 9 accepted recruits, a new work has been started in Kyushu, by a Brother Kawaguchi, "in a part of Japan never before touched by our missions." Brother Kawaguchi is apparently Sadaichi Kawaguchi, who will be remembered by many as a class-mate at Eugene Bible University. The Figueroa Christian Church in Los Angeles, has taken him as a living link.—J. F. C.

New Catalogues

The Northwest Christian College Annual Bulletin and Catalogue, with announcements for the coming academic year was recently received from the press. A large number of copies have been mailed to pastors, prospective students and other interested parties.

The Northwest Christian College Catalogue says that dormitories will be open for occupancy on September 17. Orientation and Registration for new students will be September 19-24. Classes for the Fall term will begin on September 26. The Fall term will close on December 17.

Some changes in fees are indicated. The rate for regular class work will be $3.50 per credit hour but the total charge will not exceed $40.00 per term for such class work unless the student enrolls for more than 17 term hours. Individual instruction fees will be the same as last year.—R. J. G.

Dallas

We took a special Crusade offering June 19 and received more than $800. To date we have about $3,000 on our goal of $5,280. We are ahead on all other goals except Christian Homes. In the past 11 months there have been 104 additions—52 in meeting by Walter Fiscus in May. The Church Board has approved a budget of $25,000 for the coming year. Dale Sherwood, associate pastor the past year, left for his new pastorate at Madera, California, on July 1.—Kenneth Johnstone, pastor.

Good Giving

When the books of Northwest Christian College closed on June 30, 1949, it was found that the total contributions to the General Fund which provides for salaries of faculty and staff, regular maintainence and other such items of current expense amounted to $39,966.04 for the fiscal year extending from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949. This fell short of the forty thousand which was the goal set. Some contributions received after the books were closed which were intended for the past year will count toward receipts for the new fiscal year.

The generosity of the many Christians who helped us keep financially sound is deeply appreciated by all members of the Northwest Christian College family. Thanks, and God bless you all.—Ross J. Griffeth.

Women's State Officers

The state officers elected to the Women's Board for this coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Ola Smith, Portland; Vice-President, Mrs. Rosalie Piper, Grants Pass; Recorder, Mrs. Pauline Johnston, Dallas; Treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Mossberger, Portland; Youth Superintendent, Mrs. Autry Powell, Portland; Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Opal Capps, Salem; Children's Superintendent, Mrs. Marjorie Moshier, Eugene; District Secretaries: No. 1, Mrs. Alice Hensley, Gladstone; No. 2, Mrs. Essie Specht, Silverton; No. 3, Mrs. Mamie Wallichs, Hillsboro; No. 4, Mrs. Darline Lint, Junction City; No. 5, Mrs. Catherine Saunders, Springfield; No. 6, Mrs. Adria Blakely, Grants Pass; No. 7, Mrs. Hazel Myers, Milton; No. 8, Mrs. Mildred Fishback, Bend. Mrs. Edna L. Burke, Eugene was elected Executive Secretary last year to serve for an indefinite time.—E. L. B.

Crusade Giving Gains

According to the present figures it looks as if the women of Oregon are going beyond last year's record financially, especially in Crusade giving. Our goal was $4,000 again this year. In spite of the fact that some of the reports are not in yet the total up to date is more than $6,000, so we have gone over the top again. Last year Oregon was one of the 19 states in which the women either reached, or went beyond, their Crusade goal in giving. There were some other goals, such as increased World Call subscriptions, and membership, in which we failed to measure up. In all of these areas we are going to have to work harder this year than ever before.—E. L. B.

World Call Secretary

Mrs. Rosalie Piper, Grants Pass, State World Call Secretary, is very anxious to bring her book list up to date. Go through your books. If any person, or persons, or groups, have books belonging to the Oregon Christian Woman's Missionary Society, or to the State Board, PLEASE mail them to Mrs. Piper or drop her a card at once. This is urgent.

Milwaukie

There were three additions by statement July 10. The ministry of Alger Fitch commences under auspicious circumstances and we predict a splendid growth for the church.

Oregon Christian Student Work

At last the Christian Churches of Oregon have student houses where a special type of Christian work can be carried on during the school year. Each year several hundred young people from the Christian Churches of our state enter Oregon State College at Corvallis and the University of Oregon at Eugene. What would your church do if seven hundred young people moved into your community over night? Through the Crusade at least part of the expense of purchasing these houses will be met. There will be the cost of furnishing, upkeep and full time workers at each house. Our churches are needing Christian teachers, doctors, business men, farmers and house wives. If the home church fails to follow her young people through college, she may lose them during the four or five years they are in training. A program of Christian education and fellowship is carried on through out the week. These houses become the meeting place for youth. We do much complaining about the meeting place at the tavern on the corner. If your young people know you care about them enough to help provide a meeting place for them socially many will be saved from the tavern. Both houses are well located in relation to the campus. Will you please send the names of all young people from your church who plan to attend Oregon State to Christian House, 2305 Monroe, Corvallis, and those who plan to attend the University, to Christian House, 736 E. 16th, Eugene, Oregon. The student workers in these houses are anxious to make contact at once. It has been proven if the youth attending college are not tied up with the church program within the first month they will likely be lost to the church. Take action at once in this vital issue. Remember also to send your dollars to help in this worthy work. Help build the church of tomorrow.—C.H.A.

Gladstone

Two baptisms since last report. The Daily Vacation Bible School averaged 102 in attendance. Wilbur R. Hinsley, pastor.

What Time Is It?

If you see Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, President of Northwest Christian College, be sure to ask him, "What time is it?" He will gladly pull out his beautiful Hamilton watch, show you what time it is, then request you to read the inscription on the back which says, "President Ross J. Griffeth, June 1949, N.C.C. Trustees, Faculty, Staff." This gift to Dr. Griffeth was made to take note of his five years of service as President of N.C.C.

N. C. C. Crusade

During the past year more than thirty thousand dollars has been received by Northwest Christian College from the Crusade. Exact figures will be available soon. The **Crusade for a Christian World** is helping our college push forward to the realization of its dream of adequate physical properties for her educational task.—R. J. G.

Your Offering To State Missions

Our state convention at Turner adopted the recommendation to launch out on a five year program of advance. Some of these goals include the establishment of at least two new churches a year. In order to establish a new church and get it housed is a costly enterprise. It means an evangelist must be sent into a community and spend not just a month or six weeks but possibly a year. His salary must be met during this period of time. There are at least two ways to raise this required money; one is for each congregation to set their goal to raise at least $1.00 per member and send into the state office. The second is to let someone come on the field and raise through special contributions, gifts from ten to one hundred dollars per year from members of the congregation. If our program is to keep pace with the increase of population we must step up our state missionary program. It is a simple plan to set goals and talk, but after all, the only thing that will pay evangelists' salaries and build buildings is money. It takes more than well wishing and passing a recommendation at convention. July, August and the first half of September are usually slow months in missionary offerings. You can help our fall planning if you do your share each month, or at least each quarter. All money sent to state missions is spent in Oregon for evangelism, church support, office expense and salaries for those who keep the work going by giving full time to the cause of Christ. Remember Oregon is not in Unified Promotion and does not send any money there, and neither does Oregon receive any money from it. Our churches and State Board so far have decided to follow this policy. As long as this policy prevails it is up to the churches of the state to support our program of evangelism. No one else will do it for us. Begin now your support in a liberal way so we can enter the fields waiting for us.—C.H.A.

Mrs. J. M. Morris

Mrs. J. M. Morris passed away in Eugene recently and was buried on the 12th of July. She was the mother of Victor P. Morris, of the University of Oregon, and of James Morris, of KOAC, Corvallis. She lived a worthy life in contributing these two capable Christian men.

Flag Donated

Wilbur R. Hinsley, pastor of the church at Gladstone, has donated a fine flag to the young people's conference. He has taught in this conference for a number of years and appreciates the fact that nothing contributes more to patriotism than Christianity. Likewise, sincere patriotism has a contribution to make to Christianity. Thanks Bill.

Christian Unity

The Oregon Convention has again demonstrated that "in honor preferring one another" maintains unity. The recent convention was facing a crisis. One year ago a resolution was introduced making the Oregon Convention a member of the Oregon Council of Churches. After a somewhat heated debate it was laid on the table for one year. With the approach of the convention and the knowledge that this resolution would be taken off the table the heat began to arise again. Tensions were growing and in the convention, as the day drew near for a vote, there were ominous clouds in the sky. Dr. Griffith saved the day by persuading the mover and seconder of the motion one year ago to withdraw their action. Dr. E. R. Moon was the original mover. In a gracious speech he declared that he loved his brethren too much to press a divisive matter into the convention. Gene Robinson was the seconder of the motion. In an equally gracious speech he let it be known that he still believed in the merits of the resolution and would continue to cooperate with the Council; but he too loved his brethren too much to press a divisive matter into theor forum. Thus the matter was disposed of to the relief of all.

Some may wonder what it was all about anyway. The Oregon Council of Churches is composed of all religious bodies. Some of our brethren contend that it is a demonstration of practical unity and that no harm can come from it. Others are equally insistent that membership in the body can mean only one thing—extending an ecclesiasticism over such members. The convention would have been so evenly divided on the question that a vote, no matter which way it went, would have produced a division that would not have been easily healed. Therefore, we think the solution found was one of the best that could have been devised.

Now we have a suggestion. It is evident that cooperation through the state Council of Churches is a live issue. It is evident, too, that any action toward membership in it until the thinking is more unanimous either for or aganst, is unwise. But we noted the next day in the class on Christian Unity that this very question was discussed without any heat or tensions. Therefore our suggestion is that brethren get together and discuss the merits and demerits of the question without having a resolution to vote on as a climax of the discussion. It may bring us to more unanimity of thinking.

B. F. Shoemaker

B. F. Shoemaker passed out of this life at Salem July 6 and the commitment service was held on July 8. Harold Lyman, his pastor, Dudley Strain and C. F. Swander participated in the last services. Brother Shoemaker was a preacher of the gospel for the course of his active life. In Oregon his ministry was six years at Salem Court St., and 2 years at Scotts Mills. He leaves three daughters and his wife to mourn him. Gertrude is a missionary in Africa. Catherine lives in Seattle. Margaret lives in Lodo, California. Mrs. Shoemaker will continue to live in Salem.